



"By Christ For Christ!"

www.creationresearch.net



GOD'S BLESSING OVER 60 YEARS - REJOICE

When you ask for the Lord's will to be done in your life, you can give thanks for everything, no matter whether easy or hard, sick or well. At the end of June 2025, Craig Hawkins will take over as Director of Creation Research and I (John Mackay) will move sideways officially to be Director Emeritus. We have been preparing this for quite awhile given that my wife Anne has been in care for nearly a year now, so below I have put a summary of what God has done for us since we started this Ministry. Rejoice with us as you are encouraged by the blessings of the Word of God; *"In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths!"* (Proverbs 3:

I'd become a Christian through reading a textbook by an atheist Professor who'd poked fun at the Bible and Creation. I'd then prayed for the Lord's will to be done in my life and Jesus took me into science education. I'd also prayed for a godly wife and now



John, Anne and Family

some **60 years** later my wife Anne and I are handing over Creation Research to the next generation, whom we have done our best to train in His ways. Below are key points in that history to encourage and bless you with the sure knowledge that when you ask for His will to be done, our Father always answers that prayer.

I had been working for several years in the biology department at Brisbane Boys Grammar and had developed a course (Search For The

Origin Of Life) that successfully worked with the sensitive issue of creation and evolution. Brisbane Boys Grammar was, and still is, Australia's prestige college, catering for ambassadors' sons, the influential, the wealthy and offspring of many academics. During that time, I contacted Dr Gordon Jones, one of the brightest minds in education I ever came across and asked him for a list of Christian teachers throughout Queensland who might be interested in utilising this course. My wife, Anne and I had setup a small organisation to assist in contacting Christian lecturers or teachers in science to get them on board.

One name that came from Gordon Jones was a Ken Ham, who worked at the public high school in Dalby. I had never heard of Ken and was pleasantly surprised when he contacted me enthusiastically asking if we could get together when he got transferred to Brisbane. Ken however didn't like my science course very much. In those days Ken was seemingly "evidentialist," and after years of interacting with academics, my course specifically involved a section on "How do we know what we know in the first place". This technique had proved so successful in dealing with prejudice in science and through a section on which was "the best bias to be biased with", it was a joy when a senior student shared "I don't know if I agree with you about creation but I want to thank you for being the first teacher who's ever taught me how to think."

Several years later the same student would yell to me across multiple isles in a Brisbane bookstore to advise me that as a result of this course he had become a Christian. We shouldn't be surprised as the gospel is all about believing, but the beliefs to be accepted are always based on solid evidence. This is why Luke commenced his Gospel with "I have gone to all the trouble to gather eyewitness accounts so we might know for sure" (Luke 1:1- 4). Since Jesus reiterated the first commandment of God that we should love Him with all our mind, there is no doubt about the need for facts. So the first evidence was in. People got saved through the realisation they've been deceived by Darwin's theory of evolution because the Christian gospel has always required the solid historical basis found from Genesis to John.

One of my keenest supporters at Brisbane Grammar was housemaster and science teacher Max Schibrowski. Another was science master Malcolm Sadler. Unlike myself both already had long term connections with 'creationist organisations' around the globe. As a result, when the Institute for Creation Research (USA), led by Professor Henry Morris (of "Genesis Flood" fame) wanted to send debater Dr Duane Gish to Australia, their local contact asked with me to organise use of the Assembly Hall at Brisbane Grammar School. Gish's meeting was absolutely packed and produced many more contacts excited about what we were doing locally. My involvement in education had already bought me into contact with



Brisbane Boys Grammar School

many people of academic background including Professor Ian Scott and many science teachers involved in Scripture Union who were also keen to help. Ken Ham would ultimately move to Acacia Ridge in Brisbane, keep in touch, and be emphatic he wanted to work together with me in spreading this message.



Craig and John



John & Anne Mackay



John and Ken

A quick check around Christian bookshops at that time revealed few Creation based resources, but Jesus had already gone ahead of us many years earlier to deal with this. When I was working at a little outback town called Aramac, which was anywhere from one to 3 hours tough driving along a sandy track north from Barcaldine, God bought a man who would play a vital role in our Creation needs. He turned up at my door, introduced himself with a fairly strong American accent as Sid Hunter, and wanted permission to use the local church building for a meeting that night. He had been given my name as the person who could give him permission. I asked him for a printed "statement of faith" and for his name, address and phone number in Rockhampton, and told him I could not just let him use the Church building unless I knew what he believed, as God would hold me accountable if he just used it to preach heresy or lead people astray from Jesus.

Sid didn't have a copy and said he would have to go back to a previous town and get one. When I insisted, it was not only annoying for him, but one of the few times in Australia he had met someone who actually believed that what was taught in God's church mattered. We became friends for life. Years later Sid had moved to Brisbane, was pastoring Good Shepherd Baptist and importing books from the USA, so I asked if he'd be willing to order tens of thousands of dollars worth of books for which we did not have the cash, neither did we have any personal savings to pay for the materials. What a joy when Sid said yes, he would do that for us. But how had the Lord gone ahead of us to deal with this huge amount of debt? It was a big ask, yet the Lord had a big plan to raise the funds.



Sid Hunter

The second person involved was a wonderful woman of God and ex China Inland missionary – Mrs. Isabella White. She happened to be at the Annual Presbyterian Conference I had asked permission to address and share our Vision for a new ministry to students and teachers, and what our needs were. Mrs. White came boldly up to me when I had finished and challenged "Haden't I ever read the story of Hudson Taylor?" When I replied "Yes", she stated with a very motherly but challenging "Well? ...if God has called you to do this ministry you better do it. He will provide!" Both the Reverend Frank White and his wife Isabella had been missionaries in China working under the old China Inland Mission. Their advice was based on years of experience in trusting God. Both of these saints are now with the Lord, but their advice in trusting him has proved 100% reliable in running Creation Research.



Rev. Frank & Isabella White

For those who can't remember, Hudson Taylor had gone to China with no organisational backing yet with the sure conviction God had called him to preach the gospel to the Chinese people. Mrs. White stared me straight in the face and continued "Well - if God has called you to do this, you'd better get ahead and do it! Don't worry about the funding, God will provide!" It was with that confidence we would soon take Sid Hunter at his word, knowing full well that if Sid would assist us, then God would also provide so we could repay Sid. It was just as well, because even though we were invited to present at a Presbyterian conference, their Scottish background with its reputation for skinflintness meant they also charged us for our meals that day.



Wilfe Blake

The third person involved was an evangelistic Methodist preacher by the name of Wilfe Blake. I had often used our music group at Wilfe's church and preached for him. So when I shared our Vision to Wilfe's congregation at Norman Park, he and several families at the church agreed we should implement a series of interest free loans where people could lend or donate any amount they wished, to help cover our capital, with our promise that when the books had arrived, we could somehow return their funding. (Gulp!) Putting those three together made it a joy to actually see on the day the bill from the USA arrived, the last several thousand from the total of \$70,000 also arrived as an interest free loan. The Lord Jesus truly is Jehovah Jireh our Provider. He truly is faithful! It would be on that continuing faith basis we proceeded with joy.

One of the first things Ken and I did was sort out names and business structure. In those days it was possible to have a tax exempt corporation with only two people so we went that route, and named it Creation Science Educational Media Services - yes CSEMS was a mouthful and would ultimately be changed. One of my first tasks was to organise an advisory board of specialists which simply became known as CSAB which included people such as Dr Ian Scott, John Spence, David Denner, Professor Rendle Short plus Dr Allen Hall, Dr John Osgood and others. Ken's house was in Acacia Ridge so that became our first Office and store.

I was lecturing in geology at the time for Technical Education and the income from that certainly helped us kickstart ministry support. After Carl Weiland asked us to take over his small fordigraphed magazine Ex Nihilo we turned my truck shed into an office where for many years I would edit the Creation Magazine as it became a glossy readers digest type mag with Bible and Science emphasis, with editorial assistance from Effie Munday and artwork by Steve Cardno. The Ministry grew like Topsy and our God given perception of meeting a real need certainly turned out to be very true. CSEMS would eventually turn into the Creation Science Foundation and become a ministry with global outreach. Ken went on to settle in the USA, work for Henry Morris, then establish Answers in Genesis in Kentucky. John would go on to found Creation Research around the globe which would bring people onto the team such as Joseph Hubbard, Craig Hawkins and others shown over the page. Add to this the encouraging testimonies of how the Lord Jesus brought Diane Eager, Martin Legematte, Glen Wilson and others to join the team. *'What great things the Lord hath done'.*



Effie Munday



Steve Cardno

**Initially all addresses will remain the same, but keep watching as we transfer many to Craig's office
Craig Ph: 0487 343 348, John Ph: 0488 098 130 info@creationresearch.net, www.creationresearch.net**



MEET THE AUSSIE TEAM

FOR MANY DECADES I have been sending out this newsletter declaring the goodness of Jehovah Jireh our Provider, as well as pursuing the vision that the Lord would raise up a team of faithful servants in Australia to continue this work according to His Will. So what a joy it is to share snippets about each Aussie team Member the Lord has raised up to faithfully proclaim his Word and trust in Him. Get behind Craig and the others listed - support them in prayer and practical ways, knowing as Paul did that the God who provided for us through you, is also able to provide for all your needs according to His riches in Glory as you share the burden we bare. (Philippians 4:19) Thank you for so many decades of praying and caring for my wife and I and the ministry.



John Mackay



Craig and Rachelle

IT WAS THE ATHEISTS that really brought John and I back together. We had met in my early teenage years but reconnected whilst Rachelle and I were growing our seahorse farming business. Both Rachelle and I are applied scientists who had a desire to somehow support and get involved in creation work. When the atheists were advertising on Tasmanian television that Christianity is based on superstition, we publicly challenged them to a debate. John was keen and they took the bait. I had our two debaters organized but God had different plans. Our second debater fell through just before the event and there was no option but for me to take up debating with out any experience in public debating at all. Craig's qualifications MSc. Plant Science. **This great debate is available free on our web site.**

That forged a close working relationship with John, and over the last few years the Lord has released me from the Seahorse business and I have been able to focus on work with Creation Research. It has been exciting to learn much about the deeper aspects of the creation-evolution challenge and strengthen my conviction that the only worthwhile foundation for truth is taking the plain understanding of scripture seriously. The development of the Creation Discovery Centre here in Tasmania has been amazing with many thousands of people having been through it. I look forward to taking a bigger responsibility in Creation Research and trust that our supporter base will eagerly go on this journey with us.



Tasmanian Museum



Dr Diane Eager

I HAVE BEEN A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE and Lecturer with Creation Research for the past 25 years. Prior to that I lectured in Biomedical Sciences at the University of Canberra, but had been doing occasional volunteer work for Creation Research ever since the organisation was started by John Mackay in 1987. I became interested in creation in the early 1980s when as a young Christian I was dissatisfied with theistic evolution as an explanation for the mismatch between the evolution based biology I was taught at University and the creation of the earth and life as described in Genesis. The two accounts were not the same. I wanted to trust God's word, but I wanted scientific explanations for what I observed in the world around me. There were few resources available, but I eventually found some, including books by British author Dr. David Rosevear. As part of my search I attended conferences run by the Creation Science Foundation, where John Mackay and Ken Ham were key speakers.

It was an enormous boost to my faith in Christ to find that real scientific evidence confirmed that God has spoken the truth about the origin and history of the world, and that I could trust the Scriptures. Having received this assurance I wanted to share it with others, so I started doing some volunteer work for Creation Science Foundation and then for Creation Research. As Creation Research expanded and began using the Internet I moved into full time work with the organisation doing background research for presentations. One of our most exciting ventures was our debate against physics Prof Polkinghorne from Cambridge University which John and I prepared and it's still available. A classic defeat of the theistic evolutionist. I now present our research in Australia, the UK and via the web, as well as writing articles about current scientific discoveries for our newsletters.



Daryl Brenton

I'M DARYL BRENTON, and I take care of the Jurassic Ark museum near Gympie, Queensland. I started as a volunteer, accompanying my farmer friend Max. Being the Curator has allowed me to meet many people, from all over Australia and the world, and I have learnt much about the evidence for a young earth and Noah's flood from John Mackay, which I am now able to pass on to visitors. These are the greatest blessing I have received from this work. My role is to take care of the gardens and displays, run experiments, and to act as a tour guide for visitors. I spent time on the mission field at Ukarumpa in New Guinea, along with my wife Cecily and I qualified with a B.A., B.Min., and Dip. Ap. Sc (Linguistics).



Daryl

Initially all addresses will remain the same, but keep watching as we transfer many to Craig's office
Craig Ph: 0487 343 348, John Ph: 0488 098 130 info@creationresearch.net, www.creationresearch.net

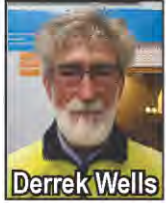


MEET THE AUSSIE TEAM



MEET JOSIAH ROSSIC who has joined our team this year. He has already presented several messages to churches as well as at our Creation Discovery Centre in Brisbane. Pray for Josiah. If you want to get him to speak in your church around Brisbane or to your youth group get in touch with our head office on EMAIL John info@creationresearch.net or Phone John Ph: 0488 098 130. Josiah is a University student so pray for all of us as we train up the next generation for the Lords work in Creation Research.

He also runs his own reptile club, so if you would like Josiah to ring his creepy crawlies to your youth group or fun party and learn all about God's cleverness in making reptiles then contact Josiah 0493 229 732.



I'VE BEEN PART OF A TEAM of dedicated volunteers for Tasmania's Creation Discovery Centre over the past 4 years. It has indeed been a rewarding time, & a learning experience when witnessing. Teaming up with Craig Hawkins as his driver/assistant for the Aussie Creator King tours (date), further broadened my understanding of human nature, but more importantly the rewards that came from seeing people & churches blessed.

My passion for the subject of creation goes back to the 1980's through losing my arguments as a staunch evolutionist, then coming to know JESUS as my Creator and Lord in 1986. Two JW's challenged my evolutionary mindset, gave me a booklet, 'created or evolved', which God used to begin drawing me to truth. Then in 1986 I worked as a carpenters assistant for an old Dutchman who as a 16 year old did his apprenticeship in Nazi Germany. He applied his trade with Dutch / German precision and being a Christian and a rabid creationist, he applied Dutch/ German precision in witnessing to me. Within days I gained books & magazines e.g EX NIHILO editor John Mackay, and devoured them. I still have 6 early copies from Feb. 1980 vol 3 No 1, in mint condition! About 6 years ago friends told me of a Creation museum being set up that needed volunteers to man it which was happening at the very time I retired. How important it is to utilise one's free time wisely especially in witnessing. At our Tasmanian Creation Centre Christians have their faith further anchored in Genesis, and the unbelieving are challenged by Truth that can set them free. May God continue to use and bless us behind the scenes or upfront in His Creation Research ministry.



Des manages the building our Museum (Creation Discovery Center) is currently located in at Acacia Ridge. Pray as we work together with Des and plan the next purpose designed museum building. At present we have room for only about 1/10 of our artifacts and fossil displays.



Rebecca' has joined our Creation Research Office team this year to "keep John Mackay on track" with all the emails and schedules in the office. Her skills in DESIGN and video supervision are proving a real benefit and blessing to the ministry.



STEVE has been our Artist for many years and worked in the ministry almost from its inception. Together he and his wife Cindy run the design studio from their home and whether it be our books such as walking with Jesus through Genesis or the Q&A materials or video covers, praise Lord with us for the talent of this faithful couple.



James and Leanne have been part of our ministry for a long time now since James met Leanne when she was working in our office and he would come to assist in cleanup. What a wonderful blessing their marriage and family has been to us particularly with the discovery of the Jurassic Fossil beds on their property in Gympie. The teamwork of making Jurassic Ark viable owes much to their cooperation. Pray as so many people to visit Jurassic Ark each year, Schools included. Ask the Lord Jesus for wisdom as we expand the displays there. It's already a world class outdoor museum.

NEEDS YOUR HELP

MUSEUM HELPERS With John Mackay's wife requiring increasing care and John busy supervising Ministry and Research as we transit Ministry to Craig Hawkins, we have a need for people who are willing to act as Museum tour guides, at both Acacia ridge and Launceston. Our museums are designed to be as self guiding as possible, so you don't need to know everything about what's on display, but we do need people to supervise individuals or groups who wish to visit our Aussie Discovery Centres. To volunteer for this position please contact John on jbmackay2018@gmail.com or phone 0488 098 130 or Craig on hawkthe32@gmail.com or Phone 0487 343 348.

FINANCE with Craig taking up active ministry in the field pray for donations to cover Ministry expenses. John Mackay is confined to shorter Ministry trips around SE Queensland Brisbane so pray for finances for the head office as well.

PRAY FOR THE REST OF THE WORLDWIDE TEAM

UK TEAM



Joseph, Charlotte, Sarah-Ann

I met John Mackay in 2014 when he was a key speaker for the UK Answers in Genesis conference along with Ken Ham. I then began to work closely with the CR ministry, while completing an undergraduate degree in geology. I went full time with Creation Research in 2019 as UK Director, after working as a zookeeper for six years, and having completed an additional qualification in zoology. Since then I have been working on a doctorate in Palaeobiochemistry and was recently elected as a Fellow in the Geological Society.

Research is a large part of my work for CR. One of the most fulfilling parts of the job is taking people on field trips, to show them the real-world evidence the Bible is true. Preaching is my first calling, however, and I have now been privileged enough to travel the world for CR speaking in churches, schools, universities and societies. We have seen great fruit from these ministry trips, and are grateful for all who support us to do this vital work. In 2013, I began a museum project that merged with Creation Research to become the CR UK Museum project, co-founded with John Mackay. At our main museum in Oswestry, where we hold over 40,000 fossils, artefacts, and displays. I am married to Sarah-Ann, and have a daughter, Charlotte, both of whom I love dearly, and am continually blessed by your continuing prayers and support.

I'm Dr. Glenn Wilson. My doctorate is in Soil Physics and Hydrology. Before retiring from the USDA National Sedimentation Lab where I did research on soil erosion and sediment transport, I felt compelled to get involved in Creation Research and Education. I started speaking in churches and homeschool groups. I contacted other Creation Institutes about getting involved and they showed no interest. In 2019, my wife Ruby and I went on a float trip with Canyon Ministries and made friends with their Executive Director Nate Loper, who encouraged me to continue seeking a role in creation research. Shortly afterwards I had science meetings in Australia and contacted John Mackay. When we arrived at the Brisbane airport, John surprised us by being there to greet us. We spent several days with John, visited Jurassic Ark, did fossil digs with him and even met Dr. Diane Eager. Shortly after returning to the states, John invited Ruby and I to join him and Joe Hubbard for fossil digs and speaking engagements in east TN. After that I was hooked so we decided to move to east TN after retiring and join the CR team as the US Ministry Coordinator.



USA TEAM

Dr Glenn and Ruby Wilson

The most exciting blessings since joining the team has been speaking at, what became our home church, Highlands Church of the Cumberland and having a weekly 30 minute broadcast on WDEB 103.9 FM, Jamestown. The radio broadcast not only gives me an audience in the east TN region in which I can present the evidences for the truth of God's word and weekly present the gospel of Jesus Christ, but has allowed me to introduce the entire CR team to the region. In 2023 God placed on our hearts to reach out to people who don't attend a church. So we created the Creation Station, a mobile museum that allows us to take the fossils we have collected and the tremendous fossil resources that John and Joe provided to the general public. We have presented it to school groups, businesses, and churches. We are now in the process of moving to Arkansas and are excited to see how God is going to open new doors of ministry to that region.



Steve Chedgzoy
UK



Nadina, Andrew and John Dalziel
UK



Martin Legematte
Canada



Cheryl and Dennis
Tennessee USA

COMING EVENTS

Don't miss the 'OPEN DAY' at Jurassic Ark Gympie Saturday September 27th. Free but offering will be taken. Get your application in now to info@creationresearch.net

Creation Discovery Centre OPEN DAY Acacia Ridge Brisbane July 19th 2pm to 5pm. Free but offering will be taken. Get your application in now info@creationresearch.net

Enews - Keep in touch monthly for our preaching and teaching schedules. Sign up for free electronic newsletter on www.creationresearch.net/latest-news/

BOOK CRAIG Ph: 0487 343 348, **BOOK JOHN** Ph: 0488 098 130

MUSEUM GAINS



From World War 1 bayonets to New Guinea stone tools, these new acquisitions illustrate the fact that society has gone downhill from the first metal-age 1000 years before Noah's Ark, when Adam's grandchildren invented the first metal tools and musical instruments. The history of technology is sadly one of loss. This truth needs to be emphasised in a world of evolutionists who foolishly think we have reached the top of the evolutionary ladder. Sadly the opposite is the truth. The scripture says 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'. Sadly godless science is the end of wisdom and all students need to know this.

The beautifully illustrated fabric (far left) is from New Guinea. Even though PNG is only one days canoe ride across to Australia, the aboriginal people of Australia never made such beautiful fabrics. In fact when John Mackay was working with indigenous people in central Queensland he was constantly reminded by the Torres Strait Islanders who derogatively made sure the Europeans knew the Islanders were not Australian Aboriginals! 'Their culture and technology was way above Stone Age aboriginal culture.'

Box loads of minerals polished rocks etc, were gratefully received from one of our supporters and include such beautiful materials as the green nickle rich quartz, the polished balls of banded silicate a large water tumbled topaz and much, much more. If you have mineral or crystal specimens to donate that remind people just how clever God is then get in touch.

Crabby for sure as this magnificent specimen of a fossil crab arrives at our UK Museum, we are certainly getting a reputation as having beautiful fossils, all of which show evidence of both original creation and for those that have not become extinct, the fact is they've produced their own kind as well.

Add to that the fact that extinct ones show evidence of degeneration in an environment which has probably bumped 90% of all species off the planet largely due to Noah's Flood, the post flood ice mentioned in the book of Job, and human activity.

To donate Artefacts or Fossils you or your family may have from any part of the world, get in touch with John Mackay on 0488 098 130 or Craig Hawkins on 0487 343 348.

HOW TO DONATE

QR code for creationresearch.net



SCAN ME

USE PAY PAL via accounts@creationresearch.net.
WEB GIVE via www.creationresearch.net click DONATIONS
USE BANK PayID. Phone +61- 488 098 130 and follow prompts.
Mail Gifts to addresses below.

AUSTRALIA Head Office: P.O. Box 260
 Capalaba. Qld. 4157 Ph. 0488 098 130
 Email: info@creationresearch.net

UK PO Box 286 Oswestry SY10 1GD
 Ph: Joseph 07713 681 406
josephhubbard@creationresearchuk.com

Volunteer to be a museum helper by contacting John on 0488 098 130 or info@creationresearch.net

QR code for DONATIONS



SCAN ME